

Slovenes Punished For Honoring Bishop

(By N.G.W.C. News Service)
Graz, Austria. (NC) — Some 300 Slovene Catholics have been sentenced to "corrective labor" for taking part in celebrations commemorating the silver jubilee of the consecration of their Bishop, now in exile, according to information reaching here.

The faithful were observing the jubilee of Bishop Gregory Rozman of Ljubljana, who in 1946 was given an 18-year sentence of hard labor in absentia as an alleged "war criminal." The 71-year-old prelate has made his headquarters in Cleveland since 1948.

THE HARD labor sentences imposed on the Slovenian Catholics for honoring a "war criminal" range from two to ten weeks, reports state. A printer from Ljubljana who printed Bishop Rozman's picture with the inscription "Silver Jubilee, 1929-1954" was sent to a labor camp for an indefinite period, it was stated.

A number of the priests of the Ljubljana diocese were given heavy fines for their part in the celebrations, the report said. The number of Catholic people fined for the "crime" is estimated at 2,000.

The masses and religious celebrations in honor of the Bishop are reported to have caused particular embarrassment to Edward Kardelj and Miho Marinko, both Slovenes and top officials in the Tito government.

For three years after World War II the communist-controlled press in Slovenia waged a virulent slander campaign against Bishop Rozman depicting him as a Nazi and a fascist.

THEN IN 1948 the Red press, reportedly at the decision of Kardelj and Marinko, suddenly stopped mentioning the Bishop's name, altogether, assuming that the prelate was already forgotten and none of his Catholics was any longer concerned about him.

The recent celebrations honoring the Bishop reportedly came as a rude shock to Kardelj and Marinko. (With headquarters at St. Lawrence Church in Cleveland, Bishop Rozman is dedicating himself to giving lectures, missions and retreats in Slovenian centers throughout the United States. Proceeds from his activities are used to operate a seminary in Argentina for Slovenian refugees. Bishop Rozman escaped from Yugoslavia in May, 1954, and resided in Austria and Rome before coming to the United States.)

Notre Dame Reports Game Sellout
Notre Dame, Ind. (NC) — A complete sellout for the Notre Dame-Michigan State football game on October 13 was announced by Notre Dame ticket manager Robert Cahill. The 56,388 sellout was the second in Notre Dame history without benefit of public sale, he said. Notre Dame sold out in advance for the 1947 Army game. Also sold out for the coming season is the November 20 game with Iowa, Mr. Cahill said.

London Hotel Staffs Get Evening Mass
London. (RNS) — Catholic hotel workers in the Piccadilly Circus area here will be able to fulfill their obligation of Sunday Mass in the evening, according to new instructions issued by His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster.

Cardinal Griffin has given permission for the French Church of the Assumption, off Piccadilly Circus, to hold evening Mass on Sundays in order that hotel workers in the area who cannot fulfill the duty in the mornings, may attend.

The Cardinal issued a similar instruction recently to St. Peter's Italian Church in Clerkenwell, a district also embracing many hotels.

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Red China To Release These Priests



Union City, N.J. — These four members of the Passionist Order are among six Americans whom the Chinese Communists have promised to release, the United States delegation to the Far Eastern Conference announced in Geneva. All the priests have been under house arrest for more than three years. They are left to right: Father Lawrence Mullin of Jersey City, N.J., 38; Linus Lombard of Ipswich, Mass., 52; Ernest Holtz of Brooklyn, N. Y., 37; and John Baptist Maye of Scranton, Pa., 44 (insert). The photo of the three priests shows them outside their mission house at Yuanling, China, and was smuggled out of that country recently. Father Lombard has been acting superior of the mission. Father Maye, in China since 1936, was stationed at Yungshun. (RNS Photo)

Chinese Reds Promise To Release U. S. Priests

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Father Lombard, 52, has been acting superior of the Passionist central mission house at Yuanling, China. Ordained in 1930, he went to China the following year.

Detained with him in the mission house have been Fathers Mullin and Holtz, who both were ordained in 1945 and sent to China in 1946. Father Mullin is 38; Father Holtz, 37.

Father Maye, who has been in China since 1936, was stationed at Yungshun. More than a year ago, after being held up for house arrest, he was ordered expelled. He got as far as the border and suddenly was recalled. It is believed he has been held at Changhsia since then. He is 44.

(A Passionist headquarters in Union City, N. J., a spokesman said two other Passionist fathers were still in China. He identified them as Father Marcellus White of Waltham, Mass., and Justin Garvey of Grantwood, N. J. He said they had not been heard of for a year and a half.)

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Hualien, Formosa. (NC) — Men and be pleased to know that he has proved to be a credit to his country.

CHARLIE WAS the 8-year-old native adopted by the American squadron at Yunnanfu as their mascot. For four years he shared the life of a soldier. Then, when the aviators had to return to the U.S. at the end of the war, they enrolled him in the Don Bosco School in Shanghai.

Too many GI fathers had spoiled Charlie, and his new guardians found him an unruly student at first. But eventually he adapted himself to his new life and earned fairly good grades. After attending classes in religion regularly at the school, the day came when he requested to be baptized.

NOT LONG afterwards, with the communists drawing near to Shanghai, Charlie decided that he was not safe. The Reds were known to kill those closely associated with Americans, and he had been the mascot of an "imperialist" squadron. So one night, leaving the school without telling his guardians, the Salesian Fathers, he enlisted in the Chinese Nationalist Army. He was among the troops later evacuated to Formosa.

Charlie's story to date is completed by a recent report from Bishop Verneux of the Paris Foreign Mission Society, who is in charge of Formosa's Diocese of Hualien. In telling about unusual convert work among the Kao Shan Tsu tribe of aborigines from the mountains, he said:

"They came down to the plains and, giving up their nomadic life, became farmers and founded small villages. In one of these villages there is noticeable a movement of conversions, after a Catholic infirmarian of the Chinese Army paid several visits there. He is an alumnus of the Salesians of Shanghai."

That infirmarian is none other than Charlie, former mascot of American aviators and now helper of foreign missionaries.

Vancouver Seminary Mission City, B.C. (NC) — Construction has begun on the new Seminary of Christ the King, junior and senior seminary of the Archdiocese Vancouver. The new seminary, owned and staffed by Benedictines, when completed will adjoin the recently completed Westminster Abbey.



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Women Workers Have Hard Lot In Red-Ruled Lands

London. (NC) — A favorite boast of Communists is that women in the Soviet orbit have absolute equality with men — equal pay, equal working conditions, equal prospects.

The truth is, however, that women in the communist lands form an overwhelming majority of unskilled workers, and a much smaller proportion of them reach managerial or other well paid positions than in the free world.

ON TOP OF this, we now learn from Poland that many men object to having women in their working teams, and that women

have to put up with appalling conditions in the workers' hostels. Recently the Siberian communist daily, Trybuna Robotnicza, described how "four strong, enthusiastic young girls of peasant stock came to this newspaper to complain on behalf of two women's brigades employed in the Stalingrad (Katowice) industrial enterprise."

"For a whole week," the paper reported, "both brigades, consisting of 15 women, were pushed from one team to another, and were not allowed to join a working front (teams with chances of earning more money by extra work). They complained that men did not like having women attached to their teams, and some of the foremen did everything in their power to get rid of them, assigning them to the worst and most poorly paid jobs."

Trybuna Robotnicza went on to describe the conditions under which 80 women, recruited in rural areas for the building industry, had to spend their leisure hours.

"**LAST YEAR,**" it said, "the women were transferred into a new workers' hostel in Nowa Street, in spite of the fact that this building had been declared unfit for habitation. There was no water and no sewerage. To reach the place, the women had to wade through a sea of mud. They had no cooking facilities, and there was no canteen, restaurant or shop where they could get food or any sort of meal. The whole building was infested with vermin."

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Vatican Weekly Opposes Eye Gifts
Vatican City. (RNS) — Mutating oneself of an important part of the body is to make a claim on life which belongs only to God, O'Observatore Della Domenica, Vatican weekly, said here.

The paper was replying to a question put to it by a reader who asked if it were proper for him to donate his eye to a blind member of his family.

"No one," the paper said, "is master of his own life and organism, which we can dispose of only according to the law of God. Mutating oneself of an important part of the organism is to make an act of proprietorship upon life that does not belong to us."

The good intention does not justify such a bad action. Only in the case of illness is one allowed to amputate some part of the body for the benefit of the rest.

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Movie Condemned By Decency Legion
New York. (NC) — The National Legion of Decency has announced that it has evaluated the movie, "We Want a Child," distributed by the Asa Film Productions in Class C — condemned.

The Legion raised the following objection against the foreign picture: "This film deals with a subject morally objectionable for presentation in entertainment motion picture theaters. Furthermore, the treatment of the theme seriously offends Christian and traditional standards of morality."

A correction in the classification of the movie "The Garden of Evil," produced by 20th Century-Fox was announced by Legion. It said that the picture had been erroneously classified in Class A1 — morally objectionable for general patronage — in an earlier listing. The Legion said the correct classification of the film is Class A2 — morally objectionable for adults.

Japanese Church Gets Swiss Bell
Kell, Japan. (NC) — "Consecrated in the West to announce His glory in the East" is the inscription on a massive bell cast in Switzerland and donated by Swiss Catholics to a new church here.

The 400-pound bell was solemnly blessed by Bishop Angelo Jelmini, Apostolic Administrator of Lugano, Switzerland, before its dispatch to Japan earlier this year. Mayor Enrico Franchini of Murato-Locarno, from whence the gift originated, is "god father" to the bell.

A five-foot statue of Our Lady, Queen of Peace — a present from the children of Murato — was also presented to the church.

Papal Addresses 86 For Year
Vatican City. (RNS) — The sixteenth volume of speeches and radio messages of Pope Pius XII, covering the period of March 1953 to March 1954, was distributed to members of the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Holy See. The volume included 86 Papal pronouncements in various languages.

According to the Vatican Press Office, Pope Pius has made a yearly average of 60 speeches and radio messages since the start of his Pontificate on March 2, 1953.